



Special Meeting of the Board - Meeting Minutes (In-Camera)

Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Zoom Video Conference

PRESENT:

Mayor Drew Dilkens, Chair

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Vice Chair

Councillor Rino Bortolin

Mr. Robert de Verteuil

Ms. Denise Ghanam

Chief Pamela Mizuno

Deputy Chief Frank Providenti

Deputy Chief Jason Bellaire

David Tilley, Provincial Advisor

REGRETS: None

RECORDER: Sarah Sabihuddin, Administrative Director

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. Declarations of Conflict & Pecuniary Interest by Members

None

3. Approval of Verbal Agenda

Moved by Councillor Rino Bortolin, seconded Vice Chair Aldo DiCarlo, to APPROVE the Agenda. CARRIED

4. New Business

4.1 Ambassador Bridge Blockade

Chief Mizuno provided an update to the WPS Board on the recent situation regarding the Ambassador Bridge Blockade. She states that there are continuing negotiations and an integrated response is being worked on. Everything is still on the table in terms of police action and response.

Injunction was issued and will be effective today at 7pm.

Chair, Mayor Dilkens: Is there anything required from WPS from the Board?

Chief Mizuno: No other resources required at this time. We initiated OPP resources Wednesday. Additional resources are flowing in. RCMP have come to town as well and are helping.

Councillor Bortolin: What are the potential outcomes? Can we expect action on the injunction?

Chief Mizuno: The situation is still fluid. We are working on our operational plans and continue to review as new information such as this becomes available. The goal is to reinstate traffic on the bridge.

Councillor Bortolin: Is the injunction going to be enforced as of 7pm?

Chief Mizuno: We are actively working on our plan

Councillor Bortolin: Is the Service protected enough if an action were to occur?

Chief Mizuno: Yes. That is what we have been working on. If and when we take action we will be well positioned with resources to support that. State of Emergency does help and gives us additional tools in terms of future protests.

Councillor Bortolin: I saw in the media there were is coordination with other community agencies in case there is an incident. Can you speak to those arrangements?

Chief Mizuno: Yes. We always have these agreements in place. There is constant communication being shared and operational plans being put together.

Ms. Denise Ghanam: I would like to compliment the Chief and Team on the outcome of a video clip I saw. The interaction with officers and protestors that I saw was very diplomatic and engagement was fantastic.

Chief Mizuno: I have had an opportunity to visit the area twice and I agree. We have very skilled professionals on the scene. I will pass along the message.

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo: I did see that they opened a lane today and I saw them remove the tent from today. Does it look like they are cooperating or should we be concerned at this point?

Chief Mizuno: We continue to negotiate and we are aiming for a peaceful resolution

Mr. Robert de Verteuil: I was wondering if the Chief has been receiving pressure from other groups in Canada to take action in one way or another?

Chief Mizuno: It has been a very supportive environment. Lots of offers of support.

Mr. Robert de Verteuil: The incidence we remember in Ontario are the ones where pressure has been placed and I just wanted to make sure that the direction being given and resources are available are suitable for the situation at hand.

Dave Tilley: Just wanted to give the Board an update that the emergency orders are in the final stages and should be released soon.

Moved by Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, seconded Councillor Rino Bortolin to RECEIVE information.

13. Adjournment

13.1. Next Meeting February 24, 2022

There is no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Moved by Ms. Denise Ghanam, seconded by Mayor Aldo DiCarlo to adjourn meeting.

SARAH SABIHUDDIN
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED THIS 24 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

MAYOR DREW DILKENS, CHAIR
WINDSOR POLICE SERVICES BOARD